

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) A drive for displacing and positioning at least two profile parts relative to each other, comprising:

a rotatable drive wheel;

a motor coupled to a first profile part and to the drive wheel;

a flexible material strip which is rigidly connected at a point of engagement on at least one side to a second profile part, which material strip also engages on the drive wheel; and

a guide for the flexible material strip connected in an at least substantially stationary manner to the first profile part,

wherein the distance between the guide and the drive wheel is greater than the distance between the point of engagement of the flexible material strip on the second profile and the drive wheel.

23. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the drive wheel engages substantially without slip on the flexible material strip.

24. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the drive wheel is provided with teeth.

25. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 24, wherein the flexible material strip is provided with a profile co-acting with the teeth of the drive wheel.

26. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flexible material strip is assembled from successive segments with varying material properties.

27. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein at least a part of the flexible material strip is formed by a chain.

28. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein at least a part of the flexible material strip is formed by a toothed belt.

29. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein at least a part of the flexible material strip is formed by hoop-steel.

30. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flexible material strip is connected to a protruding element rigidly connected to the second profile part.

31. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 30, wherein the second profile part engages around the first profile part and the protruding element connected to the second profile part is located in an internal space of the first profile part.

32. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flexible material strip is connected on two sides to the second profile part.

33. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the second profile part is provided with an additional guide whereby an additional flexible material strip connected on one side to the first profile part is guided, which strip is connected on the opposite side to a guide connected to the third profile part.

34. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 33, wherein the additional flexible material strip is connected to a protruding element which is rigidly connected to the third profile part.

35. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 34, wherein the third profile part engages around the first and the second profile part, and the protruding element connected to the third profile part is located in an internal space of the first profile part.

36. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 34, wherein the drive wheel is also connected to a pulling element which can be wound around a reel part assembled with the drive wheel, such that when the profile parts are retracted the pulling element winds onto the reel part.

37. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 22, wherein the drive comprises two flexible material strips which are rigidly connected on at least one side to a second profile part, which material strips also engage on the drive wheel, and two guides for the flexible material strips connected in stationary manner to the first profile part.

38. (New) A drive for displacing and positioning at least two profile parts relative to each other, comprising:

a rotatable drive wheel;

a motor coupled to a first profile part and to the drive wheel;

a flexible material strip which is rigidly connected to a part of engagement on at least one side to a second profile part, which material strip also engages on the drive wheel; and

a guide for the flexible material strip connected in at least substantially stationary manner to the first profile part,

wherein the distance between the guide and the drive wheel is greater than the distance between the point of engagement of the flexible material strip on the second profile and the drive wheel, wherein the drive wheel is connected to a pulling element which can be wound around a reel part assembled with the drive wheel, such that when the profile parts are retracted the pulling element winds onto the reel part.

39. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 38, wherein the drive engages substantially without slip on the flexible material strip.

40. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 38, wherein the drive wheel is provided with teeth.

41. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 38, wherein at least a part of the flexible material strip is formed by hoop-steel.

42. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 38, wherein the flexible material strip is connected to a protruding element rigidly connected to the second profile part.

43. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 42, wherein the second profile part engages around the first profile part and the protruding element connected to the second profile part is located in an internal space of the first profile part.

44. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 40, wherein the second profile part is provided with an additional guide whereby an additional flexible material strip connected on one side to the first profile part is guided, which strip is connected on the opposite side to a guide connected to the third profile part.

45. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 44, wherein the additional flexible material strip is connected to a protruding element which is rigidly connected to the third profile part.

46. (New) The drive as claimed in claim 45, wherein the third profile part engages around the first and the second profile part, and the protruding element connected to the third profile part is located in the internal space of the first profile part.

47. (New) A length-adjustable housing which is assembled from a plurality of displaceable housing parts, with a first housing part with a drive connected thereto,

wherein the drive is comprised of a rotatable drive wheel, a motor coupled to the first housing part and to the drive wheel, a flexible material strip which is rigidly connected at a point of engagement on at least one side to a second housing part, wherein the material strip also engages the drive wheel, and a guide for the flexible material strip connected in an at least substantially stationary manner to the first housing part; and

wherein the distance between the guide and the drive wheel is greater than the distance between the point of engagement of the flexible material strip on the second housing part and the drive wheel.

48. (New) The housing as claimed in claim 47, wherein the housing forms a telescopic leg.

49. (New) The housing as claimed in claim 38, wherein the housing is provided with operating means for activating the motor.

50. (New) An article of furniture provided with a plurality of legs in the form of housing parts, with a first housing part and a drive connected thereto,

wherein the drive is comprised of a rotatable drive wheel, a motor coupled to the first housing part and to the drive wheel, a flexible material strip which is rigidly connected at a point of engagement on at least one side to a second housing part, wherein the material strip also engages the drive wheel, and a guide for the flexible material strip connected in an at least substantially stationary manner to the first leg;

wherein the distance between the guide and the drive wheel is greater than the distance between the point of engagement of the flexible material strip on the second housing part and the drive wheel; and

wherein a plurality of drive wheels is driven synchronously.

51. (New) The article as claimed in claim 50, wherein a plurality of drive wheels in separate legs is driven by a central motor.